

LISTING AND AMENDMENT OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (original). A method for negating ore reducing decrease in blood flow in an abdominal organ which would otherwise have decreased oxygen delivery because of decreased blood-flow therein because of being contacted with insufflating gas, comprising contacting said abdominal organ with a blood-flow to abdominal organ decrease preventing agent in a therapeutically effective amount.

Claim 2 (currently amended). The method of Claim 1 where the step of contacting said abdominal organ with a blood-flow to abdominal organ decrease preventing agent in a therapeutically effective amount comprises delivering the blood-flow to abdominal organ decrease preventing agent to the abdominal cavity as part of a gas consisting essentially of the blood-flow to abdominal organ decrease preventing agent in therapeutically effective amount and an insufflating gas.

Claim 3 (original). The method of Claim 2 where the insufflating gas is carbon dioxide.

Claim 4 (original). The method of Claim 3 where the blood-flow to abdominal organ decrease preventing agent is ethyl nitrite.

Claim 5 (original). The method of Claim 4 where the gas contains from 1 to 1,000 ppm ethyl nitrite.

Claim 6 (original). The method of Claim 5 where the gas contains from 50 to 200 ppm ethyl nitrite.

Claim 7 (original). The method of Claim 1 where the amount of blood-flow to abdominal organ decrease preventing agent is effective to relieve hypoxemia.

Claim 8 (original). The method of Claim 1 where the blood-flow to abdominal organ decrease preventing agent is administered as a nebulized dry powder or as a solution.

Claims 9-12 (currently canceled).